

My Life

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Works of art: Jane Fonda's *My Life So Far* is out today, and the actress, exercise entrepreneur and activist says she wrote the autobiography in "layers." In the background at her Atlanta loft are Andy Warhol's images of her.

Fonda's 'Life So Far' a newly opened book

Autobiography holds nothing back on bulimia, Vietnam, sex

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Cover story

ATLANTA — This is not where a movie star is supposed to live.

The street Jane Fonda calls home is in what real estate agents might call a "transitional" neighborhood. It's industrial. Run-down. And right in downtown Atlanta, a five-minute drive from the pied-à-terre she once shared at the CNN Center with ex-husband Ted Turner.

To get to Fonda's loft, an open space filled with white couches, minimalist tables, books and ethnic-looking knick-knacks, you park on the street, walk to her building and ring a buzzer.

After her assistant answers the door and then serves water in the living room, Fonda emerges from her kitchen, all layered hair, perfectly made-up face and lightly tinted eyeglasses.

When it's suggested that someone of her stature might be expected to live in the more posh Buckhead neighborhood or a suburban gated community, Fonda vehemently shakes her head.

"Oh, no!" she says. "I chose to live here. This is really great. When I lived in California, I didn't live in Beverly Hills or Bel Air. I lived in Santa Monica before it was chic."

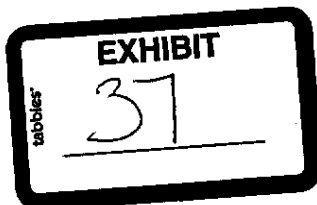
She says she wanted to be near her daughter, Vanessa, who lives nearby. And she chose a grittier area because "I wanted to make a statement."

Throughout her career, Fonda, 67, has been all about making statements, some more well-received than others. Now she has mined her fertile history in a candid memoir, *My Life So Far*, out today (Random House, \$26.95).

In the book, she discusses momentous events, including:

► The secret suicide of her mother, Frances Seymour Fonda, when Fonda was 12. She learned that her mother had killed herself from an article in a movie magazine. "I knew instantly this was the truth,

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The Fonda years

Dec. 21, 1937: Born in New York City to Frances Seymour Fonda and actor Henry Fonda. 1957: Moves to Paris after dropping out of Vassar. 1960: Makes film debut in *Tall Story* opposite Anthony Perkins. 1965: Marries director Roger Vadim in Las Vegas. 1967: Stars in the comedy *Barbarella* in the Park with Robert Redford.



Physical specimens: Jane Fonda's *Complete Workout* came out in 1988.
By Henry Longdon, *Wichita Eagle* Staff Writer

1968: Plays the scantily clad lead in *Barbarella*, directed by Vadim; daughter Vanessa born (Sept. 28). 1969: Portrays a Depression-era dance marathon competitor in *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* (nominated for best-actress Oscar). 1971: Stars as prostitute Bree Danes in *Kluge*.



War picture: Oscar winner, here with Jon Voight, in 1978's *Coming Home*.

Sci-fi sensation: Chosen to save the world in 1968's *Barbarella*.



Films Marceau/Cocinar/Mega/The Kobal Collection

Marriage 1: In 1966's *The Game Is Over* with Roger Vadim, whom she wed in '65.



Marriage 2: With California Assemblyman Tom Hayden and son Troy in 1982.



Marriage 3: With TV network owner Ted Turner in 1991. They would divorce 18 years later.



War stance: At an anti-aircraft position in North Vietnam in 1972. Fonda now says she hopes veterans know she "wasn't against" them.

1972: Wins best-actress Oscar for *Kluge*; makes controversial trip to North Vietnam.
1973: Divorced from Vadim; marries anti-war activist Tom Hayden while pregnant with Hayden's son, Troy Garity (born July 7).
1977: Plays playwright Lillian Hellman in *Julia* (nominated for best-actress Oscar).
1978: Stars in the Vietnam drama *Coming Home*.
1979: Wins second best-actress Oscar, for *Coming Home*.

1979: Stars as a reporter in power-plant drama *The China Syndrome* (nominated for best-actress Oscar).
1980: Plays a harried office worker in *9 to 5*.
1981: Co-stars for the only time with father Henry in *On Golden Pond* (nominated for supporting-actress Oscar).
1982: Releases the first *Jane Fonda's Workout*, which remains the top-grossing home video.
1986: Plays an alcoholic in *The Morning After* (nominated for best-

actress Oscar).
1990: Divorced from Hayden; appears in *Stanley & Iris*, last movie before a 15-year hiatus from Hollywood.
1991: Marries Ted Turner.
1995: Founds the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention.
2001: Granted a divorce from Turner.
2005: Stars in the comedy *Monster-in-Law* with Jennifer Lopez, opening May 13.

